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Proceedings of the Grand Division.

SPRINGFIELD, April 20th, 1853.

The Grand Division of Ohio met in semi-annual session, the G. W. P. in the chair.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

THOS. H. CUMMINGS, G. W. P.
JOHN R. WILLIAMS, G. W. A.
WILLIAM BREMIGAN, G. S.
GEORGE C. EATON, G. C.
REV. JOS. H. HAMILTON, G. Chap.

ABSENT.

J. B. THOMPSON, G. T.
W. H. CLARK, G. Sen.
F. D. KIMBALL, Acting P. G. W. P.
Bro. Isaac Schmucker was appointed G. T.; M. M. Edwards, G. Sen.; and Rev. H. Duncan, P. G. W. P.
The Grand Division was then regularly opened.

On motion of Bro. Swain, Bro. James May, of Langley Division, No. 22, was appointed Janitor and Messenger, and was introduced and obligated.

Bros. Schmucker, Jobling and Felch were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last session was dispensed with, except the proceedings of the last evening, which were read and approved.

Bro. J. B. Thompson, G. T., appeared and took his seat.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the certificates of the following brothers correct.

IRVILLE DIVISION, No. 105—John Haslet.

GOOD HOPE DIVISION, No. 568—B. S. Brown, Robert Wallace, R. H. St. John, A. J. Smith, Jacob Oglesby, C. W. B. Allison.

EAST LIBERTY DIVISION, No. 517—Job Garwood, Jacob Humphrey, W. J. Adams, James Ballenger.

ST. PAULS DIVISION, No. 628—B. S. Taylor.

LYONBURG DIV. No. 307—*S. J. Spees.

LIBERTY STAR DIV. No. 606—*G. W. Baxley.

MADISON DIV., No. 249—*J. E. Blunt.

SWEET HOME DIV., No. 87—*J. H. Gilman.

CLEVELAND DIV., No. 275—G. P. Burwell.

NEWARK DIV., No. 6—*J. H. Giffin.

LANGLEY DIV., No. 22—*Wm. Hardin, *J. C. Peticrew, *P. Johnson, *John Fisk, *James Halsey.

ZANE DIV., No. 593—*P. Inskeep, J. B. Sharp, J. Walker, J. Antrim, Jesse Wilkins, E. Hathaway, M. Cochran, A. G. Humphrey.

WAYNE DIV., No. 39—J. W. Flees, T. Smith, G. W. Holland, *H. H. Maroer, J. Scott, *A. E. Meritt, J. C. Stoddard, Wm. Mannington, Benjamin Pugh, B. E. Lippencott.

XENIA DIV.—James R. Hedges, F. N. Hypes, Nathan Nesbitt, J. S. Drake, C. Z. Merrick, *J. P. Vinsenheller, *Lewis Wright, *J. M. Per-

singer, *H. Carey, A. B. Ferguson, Henry Barnes, Saml. P. Owens, S. B. Conwell, B. G. Conwell, Wm. Sween, *Wm. B. Fairchild, Wm. Buckles, *A. McIlvain, Philip Forsman, Wm. Jones, J. W. Manor, T. B. Johnson, M. A. Chambless, Jas. McGervey, F. B. Sale, W. C. Thorpe, S. D. Conwell, J. M. Ball, G. L. Paine.

WILLIAMSBURG DIV., No. 340—Edward Sinks, *O. Dudley, John H. Sharp, S. D. McMillin.

TIPPECANOE DIV. No. 412—*D. H. Brinkerhoff.

MT. UNION DIV., No. 369—H. H. Chance.

HOPEWELL DIV., No. 596—*Wm. M. Price.

LOCKLAND DIV., No. 84—*J. S. Olden, J. S. Allen.

CINCINNATI DIV., No. 2—*Wm. W. Waggoner.

BOSTON DIV., No. 280—O. C. Hayes, J. G. Buchanan, W. South, R. Davison, J. N. Pattison, *Ezekiel Dimmitt, F. Shumard, Theod. Davis, Isaac Ferru, *Henry South.

DAYTON, DIV., No. 16—*J. A. Keefer.

GOOD SAMARITAN DIV., No. 23—*Warren Jenkins.

BUCK CREEK DIV.—*Absalom Winget, *J. C. Bunyan.

I. SCHMUCKER, } Com-
JOHN JOBLING, } mittee.
A. S. FELCH, }

[NOTE.—For the sake of convenience, the several reports of the committees are put into one, and those brethren whose credentials were acted upon at the last autumnal session are not named in this report. Those persons whose names are marked thus*, were initiated.]

On motion, the initiation of representatives was made the special order for two o'clock this afternoon.

On motion of Bro. Swain, it was ordered that the hours of meeting and adjourning shall be as follows: Meet at 8½ o'clock, A. M., take a recess at 12 M.; meet at 2 P. M., and adjourn at 5½ P. M.

The Grand Division then took a recess until 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Division met, the G. W. P. in the chair.

Bro. Edwards being absent, Bro. Strong was appointed G. Sent.

The G. W. P., in consequence of ill-health, resigned the chair for the remainder of this season, and at his request, P. M. W. P. Cary took his place, and proceeded to discharge the duties of G. W. P.

The G. W. P. then announced the standing committees as follows:

On the State of the Order—Rev. A. Duncan, A. S. Felch, Rev. Jos. H. Hamilton.

On Finance—Dr. B. S. Brown, J. Schmucker, H. Carey.

On Appeals—W. Windam, J. H. Sharp, G. P. Burwell.

Judiciary—Dr. J. B. Thompson, H. T. Peek, M. M. Edwards.

On Charters—Dr. R. H. Tipton, Peter Sells, E. Sinks.

On Subordinate Divisions—W. Sherwood, J. Gossin, G. W. Baxley.

The report of the G. W. P. was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Officers and Brothers:—A kind Providence has again brought us together, in semi-annual session, to consult of the interests of our Order, and of the great "cause we are united to perpetuate." In meeting you here, I am happy to congratulate you on the general prosperity of the Order throughout our jurisdiction. In a few localities, our brethren are still encompassed with difficulties; and there are yet a few of our Divisions which, from present indications, must soon disband. These, however, are but the dark spots in our brightening horizon. From almost every Division we have the most cheering reports, and our brethren represent themselves in a highly prosperous condition. During the past six months, a number of new Divisions have been organized and old ones resuscitated; our numbers have been increased, and the revenues of the Grand Division enlarged. In this state of our finances, the current expenses of the Grand Division have been promptly met, and its debt has been considerably reduced. The report of the Grand Scribe, to which you are referred, will give you more minute information as to the finances and general statistics of the Order. Since the last session of this body, the temperance movement has assumed additional importance in our State. The determination of the people to suppress the liquor traffic had been previously clearly indicated by their petitions, and by resolutions adopted in their local meetings. The Legislature of the State has again met and adjourned, with the petitions of hundreds of thousands of our citizens upon their tables, and with other unmistakable indications of popular sentiment pressing upon them, they refused to grant us the boon for which we had asked; a prohibitory law which alone can shield our State from the evils of intemperance. Not daring, however, to adjourn without a seeming attention to the prayer of their constituents, they placed upon our statute book a law but a mockery of that for which we had asked, thus adding insult to injury. The State Temperance Convention, which assembled in Columbus in January, anticipating the course of the legislature, resolved to make this a test question at the next election of Senators and Representatives. The importance of the position thus assumed cannot be overrated. It is indeed true that during the entire progress of the temperance reformation, this subject has formed no unimportant ingredient in our political contests. The opponents of our cause, ever on the alert, have in innumerable instances banned a man of strict temperance principles, and elevated in his stead, one whose chief recommendations were those of the bottle. To all this the friends of temperance have submitted, and perhaps aided by their votes in crushing the man whose principles in this respect were their own. Now for the first time, we propose to

meet our opponents in the open field of political strife; and without assuming the form or responsibilities of a separate political organization, to sustain for legislative officers only those who are known to be friendly to our great leading principle, prohibition. Upon the result of this effort hangs the fate of the Maine Law in Ohio, not merely for the biennial period of our next Legislature, but in all probability for many coming years. The position to be assumed by the Order of the Sons of Temperance in this great contest is not doubtful. From almost every Division from which we have received a report, we have assurances of their cordial adhesion to the resolutions of the Columbus Convention. Nor do we regard this as other than the legitimate work of our Order. Reared up, as we believe, by Providence to concentrate public attention upon the traffic in intoxicating liquors as the source from which the evils of intemperance flow forth, and then secure the suppression of that traffic, we have as yet accomplished but half our work. Through long years of labor and discouragement, grappling with the prejudices, or struggling against the apathy of community, our Order has toiled for the consummation of this great object. We have now the gratification not only of knowing that this man-destroying traffic is loathed by the masses around us, but that multiplied thousands earnestly demand its extinction. Not only to respond heartily to this demand, but to place ourselves in the front of the battle, is now our duty. What action it may be proper for the Grand Division to take on this subject, is left for the suggestion of others. I would, in this connection, ask your attention to the circular of the State Executive Committee, addressed to the several temperance organizations in the State, and to the suggestions contained therein. It will no doubt be gratifying to this Grand Division to co-operate with the Committee in carrying out whatever measures may tend to the consummation of our mutual desire. In entering upon this great struggle, brethren, we should not forget that "the battle is not always to the strong." Formidable as may be the opposition arrayed against us, we have in the righteousness of our principles and the purity of our cause, a tower of strength. Nor can we believe that that God whose finger has directed the progress of this great reformation from its earliest beginning will desert us now in the hour of sternest conflict. Sparing no effort of our own, and leaning upon the strong arm of Omnipotence, let us go forth to the contest, assured that the truth is mighty and will prevail. Cheering as is the prospect before us, I can but regret the inability which prevents me from personal effort in our great work. Suddenly prostrated by disease and confined for months to my room, I have been able to render even less service to our Order than I had hoped, when by the partiality of my brethren I was placed in this honored